



## 2020 USTA Foundation NJTL Essay Grant

The NJTL is a nation-wide network of community tennis organizations seeking to develop the character of young people through tennis and education. This growing network of tennis providers share similar values, ideals, and goals by reaching out to those who may not otherwise have the opportunity to play tennis, instilling in youngsters the values of leadership and academic excellence, and by giving all kids the opportunity to fully develop their tennis skills so they can derive a lifetime of enjoyment from the sport. NJTL's are unique because they offer a variety of on-court programming and also educational and life skill components designed to enhance a child's overall development.

**NJTL Essay Grant application begins June 8, 2020 and ends at 12:00 PM ET on July 31, 2020.  
If you are an NJTL participant, then write your answer to the following question:**

**"Everyone measures success differently. How do you strive for success  
in terms of your character development, education, or tennis?"**

**Write and your essay could earn a grant for your NJTL chapter** that would support your chapter-related programming. Students will submit their essays in one of the five age categories listed below. All students must write their answer to the question, "Everyone measures success differently. How do you strive for success in terms of your character development, education, or tennis?." In 350 words or less typed on a 8.5" x 11" page or less, single-sided only; if your essay is hand-written, it must be submitted on the provided NJTL Essay Grant Essay Sheet. If your essay is selected by the grant selection group, it will be one of ten (10) national essays whose submission is recognized and the student's NJTL will be awarded a grant for \$5,000, which will be utilized by the chapter to support the essay's author in chapter-related programming.

**Special Rules Regarding Essays:** No one may assist you and no one other than you may contribute to the content of your essay. Essays may not include unlawful, threatening, libelous, defamatory, obscene, inappropriate or profane material, material that violates the intellectual property, privacy or other rights of third parties, or material that otherwise violates the United States Tennis Association Incorporated's (USTA) Constitution, Bylaws, Safe Play, and Privacy Policy, as determined by the USTA Foundation in its sole discretion. In submitting your essay, you represent and warrant (as does your parent/legal guardian) that your essay is original, that no one has assisted you in creating your essay, that you own all rights to the essay you have submitted, and that any of the USTA Family of Companies and Permitted Third Parties (see the USTA's Privacy Policy, link provided below, for definition of the same) use of the essay, or any part of the same, will not infringe upon the rights of any third party. All entries must be in English. Incomplete entries will be disqualified. Essays will not be returned. Limit one grant essay submission entry per person.

**Grants:** Open to all students age 18 and under, as of June 8, 2020, who is a participant in a program sponsored by a local NJTL chapter. The 10 best submissions (two in each age group) will be recognized, and the essay author's NJTL chapter shall receive a \$6,000 total directed grant—\$5,000 will be utilized to support the essay author's in chapter-related programming participation costs and expenses and \$1,000 will be utilized by the chapter for administration of the same (subject to the NJTL chapter's grant acceptance).

**Deadline:** Entries, including completed 2020 USTA Foundation NJTL Grant Entry Application, Release, and Waiver, must be submitted to your local NJTL Chapter by the date set locally by your NJTL chapter. NJTL Chapters must submit all entries via the USTA Foundation Funding and Program Portal no later than 12:00 pm ET on July 31, 2020. NJTL Chapters are subject to the terms of the 2020 USTA Foundation NJTL Essay Grant, and will confirm the same upon essay submission into the USTA Foundation Funding and Program Portal.

**Data Collection:** Except as set forth in the Release and Waiver below, all personal information submitted in relation to the Grant will be handled in accordance with applicable privacy laws and the privacy policy of the NJTL chapter whom is submitting your essay, as well as the USTA Family of Companies and Permitted Third Parties, which may be found at <https://www.usta.com/en/home/about-usa/who-we-are/national/usta-privacy-policy.html>. Your personal information will only be used in connection with the grant.

The 2020 NJTL Essay Grant Recipients will be posted on [https://www.ustafoundation.com/essay\\_contest\\_current\\_winners/](https://www.ustafoundation.com/essay_contest_current_winners/) no later than September 12, 2020.



## 2020 USTA Foundation NJTL Essay Grant Application, Release and Waiver

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Territory \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian's Email \_\_\_\_\_

NJTL Chapter Name & City, State/Territory \_\_\_\_\_

USTA Section \_\_\_\_\_ **(must be completed by NJTL chapter)**

- Age Group **(as of June 8, 2020)** (Check one)
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Female 10 & Under | <input type="checkbox"/> Male 10 & Under |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Female 11-12      | <input type="checkbox"/> Male 11-12      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Female 13-14      | <input type="checkbox"/> Male 13-14      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Female 15-16      | <input type="checkbox"/> Male 15-16      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Female 17-18      | <input type="checkbox"/> Male 17-18      |

By participating, each student and his/her parent/ guardian (on behalf of himself/herself and student), releases, indemnifies and holds harmless the USTA Foundation Incorporated (USTA Foundation), United States Tennis Association Incorporated (USTA), USTA National Tennis Center Incorporated (USTA NTC), USTA Player Development Incorporated (USTA PD), Deloitte LLP, \_\_\_\_\_ {insert NJTL chapter name} (Chapter), and their respective parent companies, subsidiaries, affiliates, dealers, and all others involved in the Grant's development or execution and each of their respective owners, principals, shareholders, directors, officers, volunteers, employees, agents, contractors and representatives (collectively the "Released Parties") from any and all liability for any injuries, losses or damages of any kind related to or arising from (i) participation in the Grant; (ii) acceptance, possession, use and/or misuse of any grant award; (iii) the USTA Foundation's review and use of the student's entry or Likeness (defined below), except where prohibited by law; and/or (iv) third party claims relating to the representations and warranties being made in connection with the student's entry. By entering and submitting an essay each student and his/her parent/legal guardian (on behalf of himself/herself and student) (a) waives his/her rights in the essay and assigns all rights, title and interest in and to the essay, including, copyrights, to the USTA Foundation; (b) acknowledges and agrees that USTA Foundation, as owner, has the exclusive, unrestricted, perpetual, royalty-free, worldwide, freely-assignable and irrevocable right, but not the obligation, to use, edit, alter, copy, reproduce, license, sell, rent, disclose, display, publish, prepare derivative works from, perform, distribute, exhibit, broadcast, or otherwise exploit the essay, in whole or in part, in any form or media, now known or hereafter developed, including, without limitation, broadcast television, radio and the Internet, for any purpose whatsoever, without any payment to, or further authorization by, the student or his/her parent/legal guardian; (c) acknowledges and agrees that the Released Parties have the unrestricted, irrevocable right, but not the obligation, to use student's name, address, photograph, picture, likeness, moving image, voice, biographical material, personal information, and any performance on student's part, whether in their original form or as altered, edited, lifted or reproduced by the Released Parties (collectively, "your Likeness"), in perpetuity throughout the world, whether in connection with the Grant or not, in any and all media (including broadcast television, radio and the Internet) now existing or hereafter discovered or developed, for any and all purposes including, without limitation, advertising, promotion, entertainment and commercial purposes, without any payment to, or further authorization by, the student or his/her parent/legal guardian, except where prohibited by law; and (d) agrees to execute such further documents and instruments and take any further acts as USTA Foundation may reasonably request in order to effectuate these terms.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE AND WAIVER AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND HAVE SIGNED IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT, ASSURANCE OR GUARANTEE BEING MADE TO ME AND INTEND MY SIGNATURE TO BE A COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY TO THE GREATEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY) \_\_\_\_\_

### PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (IF UNDER THE AGE OF 18)

I represent and warrant that I am the parent or legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, the individual who signed the foregoing Release and Waiver ("Minor") and that I have received, read, and understood the foregoing Release and Waiver. I fully consent to and voluntarily authorize the Minor to execute said Release and Waiver (or, if applicable, have voluntarily executed said Release and Waiver on Minor's behalf). I acknowledge and agree that all representations, consents, agreements, grants, waivers, authorizations, indemnifications and releases herein shall be regarded as made by me on behalf of the Minor and shall be binding on me and the Minor.

Furthermore, in consideration of Released Parties possibly including me and/or Minor in activities related to and/or stemming from the 2020 NJTL Essay Grant, I hereby agree to be bound by and to perform all of the terms and conditions of the foregoing Release and Waiver of Liability (including, without limitation, the provisions regarding release of all claims), as such terms and conditions may relate to my participation and/or the participation of the Minor in the 2020 NJTL Essay Grant, if any.

USTA Foundation will share the Minor's name, chapter affiliation, and image with Deloitte LLP and its subsidiaries for publicity purposes related to the 2020 NJTL Essay Grant and the USTA, USTA Foundation, USTA PD, USTA NTC, and Chapter will receive certain personal information of the Minor for use as identified herein for promotion and marketing of its programs and events. If you do not consent to the sharing of any personnel information with third parties other than disclosures that are integral to 2020 NJTL Essay Grant program, please submit your request via email to feedback@usta.com.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Minor \_\_\_\_\_